



DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses
SBA Disaster Assistance Area 3 – 14925 Kingsport Road – Ft. Worth, TX 76155

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SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline is September 12 *Business owners still have time to apply*

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming counties have until **September 12, 2005** to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to adverse weather conditions that occurred January 1, 2004, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Hail, high winds, and heavy rain that occurred on August 7, 2004

Colorado:

Baca
Bent

Kiowa
Las Animas

Otero
Prowers

Drought that occurred from January 1, 2004, and continuing;

Hail that occurred on August 23, 2004; and a freeze that occurred on July 20, 2004

Colorado:

Moffatt

Rio Blanco

Routt

Utah:

Daggett

Uintah

Wyoming:

Carbon

Sweetwater

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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